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FLITCHING FLEET IS NOW ALL HOME

Possible Tragedy of Sea in Picking Up of Boat in the Gulf—Sch. Atalanta High With 130,000 Pounds.

With the arrival of four more flitching boats, the entire fleet is now home, ending the season for this part of the local fisheries.

Sch. Atalanta, Capt. Richard Wadsworth, has the largest fare, hailing for 100,000 pounds; others are schs. Atalanta, Capt. Carl Adams, 80,000 pounds; Monitor, Capt. Daniel Maher, 80,000 pounds; Maxine Elliott, Capt. Upshell, 80,000 pounds.

The vessels fished on the Funks and Labrador coast where they secured their fares. The fleet has been small and fish scarce, which coupled with the bad weather has not helped things, although, the crafts engaged managed to secure fair trips

generally.

Sch. Maxine Elliott on her way home, picked up an open Nove Scotia boat adrift in the gulf. The craft was equipped with sail and oars and Capt. Upshell took it in tow and brought the craft home. Whether the boat went adrift, or there has been a sea tragedy is not known. An effort will be made to locate her owners.

The flitched halibut fare of sch. Senator arriving last week was purchased by the Cunningham & Thompson Company, her owners at 10 cents a pound. This is the same price as was paid last year, which is one of the best in the history of flitching.

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AUGUST CATCH SHOWS FALL-OFF

The statistical bulletin of the Board of Trade for August shows that 4,569,428 pounds of fish were landed during the month as compared with 5,870,820 pounds for the same month last year.

The statement by quantities is as follows:

	Pounds	Pounds
1913	1912	
cod	1,308,107	2,212,506
haddock	615,565	1,409,217
halibut	486,672	268,917
trout	763,568	
salmon	32,179	724,655
hake	582,845	
crabs	48,445	632,290
lobsters	599,629	521,315
shrimp	52,362	651,991
pollock	55,342	647,557
other	21,975	77,317
Total	1,739	74,775
	4,569,428	5,870,820

bbles. bbls.
mackerel, 34 131
cod fish, 1325 180
miscellaneous:—5,136 lbs. swordfish;
bluebacks.

Bowsprit for Knockabout.

The big knockabout sch. Benjamin is having a short bowsprit mounted at the Rocky Neck railways

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ST JOHN'S EXPECTS COD SHIPMENTS

The Portia, which arrived at St. John's, N. F., September 16, from the westward brought the following report of the fishery. Owing to the adverse weather conditions in evidence during the past fortnight, very little had been done and squid was not very plentiful. A spurt of fine weather is needed badly to prepare fish for shipment. Some of the trap catch is still in salt bulk. September 15 squid was reported plentiful at Lawn and it is expected that several bankers will arrive there in a day or two for supplies of bait. Fish is reported fairly plentiful, but the prevailing stormy weather prevents dories or boats from going out. A slight improvement is reported in the fishery between Bay de Verde and Fogo, and some good catches have been secured. Up to the present time very little codfish has reached St. John's from northern or western districts, but it is likely that the first few days of fine weather will see the first rush, and that thousands of quintals will arrive to be despatched later to foreign markets.

Hall's New Office.

Chaney N. Hall, manager of the Gorton Pew Co.'s business in this country, will have offices in Capt. Butler's new house.—Western Star.

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MANY CRAFTS SAILING TODAY

Fully 25 Take Advantage of Fair Chance and Head for Fishing Grounds.

With clearing weather this morning, there was a noticeable departure in the fleet that have been storm-held in port for several days, no less than 25 crafts getting underway.

Arrivals since yesterday are few, the only off shore being sch. Valerie from shacking with 100,000 pounds salt cod and 25,000 pounds fresh fish.

Down from Boston is the new sch. Russell with 60,000 pounds and sch. Mary P. Goulart with 80,000 pounds fresh fish to split.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Russell, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mary P. Goulart, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Valerie, Quero Bank, 100,000 lbs. salt cod, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Pythian, via Boston.
Sch. Boyd and Leeds, via Boston.
Sch. Viking, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Good Luck, drifting.
Sch. Boyd and Leeds, drifting.
Sch. Ralph Russell, drifting.
Sch. Corsair, drifting.
Steamer Lois H. Corkum, seining.
Steamer Mary F. Ruth, seining.
Steamer Robert and Edwin, seining.
Steamer F. S. Willard, seining.
Steamer Enterprise, seining.
Steamer Nashawena, seining.
Steamer Carrie and Mildred, seining.
Steamer Naomi Bruce, seining.
Steamer Anna T., seining.
Sch. Little Fannie, seining.
Sch. Arthur James, seining.
Sch. Pinta, seining.
Sch. Veda M. McKown, seining.
Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, seining.
Sch. Viking, shore.
Sch. Harriett, haddocking.
Sch. Jeanette, haddocking.
Sch. Elsie, halibuting.
Sch. Essex, Newfoundland.
Br. sch. Kernwood, Nova Scotia.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.50; snappers, \$3.
Salt trawl bank cod, large, \$4.50, medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.
Drift codfish, large \$4.75 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25.
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25.
Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25.
Flitched halibut, 10c per lb.
Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Hake, \$1.75.
Pollock, \$1.50.
Haddock, \$1.50.
Salt mackerel, \$2.75 for medium rimmed; \$2.1 for medium plain; \$1.0 or tinkers.

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LATE FARES OF SWORDFISH

Sch. Lafayette at Boston Today Hails for 50—Halibut Also Has Some.

Fresh fish receipts continue in goodly supply at T wharf, Boston, arrivals since yesterday consisting of 14 fares, one being from a Georges halibuting trip and one swordfisherman.

The largest fares in are steamers Crest, 60,000 pounds; Foam, 57,000 pounds; schs. Alice M. Guthrie, 50,000 pounds; Frances S. Grueby, 57,000 pounds; Juno, 78,000 pounds.

Sch. Georgia, Capt. John G. Stream, has 11 swordfish and some salt and fresh cod, in addition to his halibut fare, while sch. Lafayette, Capt. George Peeples, one of the late swordfishermen, brings 50 swordfish, for which the wholesalers paid 13 cents and eight cents a pound.

Wholesale dealers quoted \$2 to \$3.50 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$4.50 to \$5.50 for large cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50 for market cod, \$2 to \$4 for hake and \$2.50 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Crest, 60,000 haddock, 200 cod.
Str. Foam, 46,000 haddock, 26,000 cod, 9000 lemon sole.
Sch. Matchless, 26,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 15,000 haddock, 6500 cod, 10,000 hake.
Sch. Eleanor DeCosta, 12,000 haddock, 7500 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 12,000 haddock, 26,000 cod, 12,000 hake.
Sch. Gertrude DeCosta, 12,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Ethel B. Penny, 300 haddock, 7500 cod, 1 swordfish.
Sch. E. C. Hussey, 2500 haddock, 24,000 cod.
Sch. Juno, 25,000 haddock, 50,000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Lafayette, 50 swordfish.
Sch. Laura Enos, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Georgia.
Haddock, \$2 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.80 to \$5.50; market cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50; hake, \$2 to \$4; pollock, \$2.50; swordfish, 13 cents and 8 cents per lb.

Pensacola Arrivals.

Arrivals at Pensacola last week were as follows:

Seaconnet	20,340	2,135
Caviare	9,035	395
Emelia Enos	19,235	12,240
C. M. Littlefield	9,205	5,000
Ida M. Silva	20,200	2,470
T. J. Carroll	21,935	2,230
Angilena	12,520	895
Mary L. Harty	9,040	400
Mary B. Greer	29,525	2,395
Rena A. Percy	15,720	10,890
Chicopee	10,980	415
Hope	17,215	15,325

Will Fit for Haddocking.

Sch. Benj. A. Smith, Capt. Martin L. Welch, has abandoned mackerel seining and the craft will now fit for fresh haddocking under command of Capt. William Firth.

GOOD DEMAND AT BIG STOCK ON FULTON MARKET FLITCHING TRIP

Considering the high prices prevailing during the early part of the week, there was a good demand for fish, says the Fishing Gazette. The high prices were not caused by the demand as much as by the scarcity of stock. True, there were three fish days this week, still that fact did not cut any great figure in the demand, according to retail dealers. The call for fish was about the same as usual. Restaurants, both low priced and medium are paying more attention to fish than heretofore. In the past, it has been the rule for only high class restaurants to carry three or four varieties of fish each day of the week, now both the low and medium-priced restaurants and hotels are doing so, and this probably is responsible for the increased demand.

On Tuesday market cod sold at 6-1-2c. per pound; Thursday, 2 1-2 to 3c., and 3 to 4c. on Wednesday and Friday. Steak cod on Tuesday brought 12c. On Monday 10c. was the price asked. During the remainder of the week 6 to 9c. was the quotation.

Haddock sold at 5 1-2 to 6 1-2c. on Monday and Tuesday. From Wednesday on the price was 3 to 3 1-2c.

Eight cents was asked for hake on Tuesday. During the balance of the week 4 to 6 1-2c. was the price.

There was no Eastern halibut in the market. There was a small supply of Western whitefish, which sold at 12c. by the package.

Mackerel—Large fresh fish on Thursday and Friday sold at 50c each. The same days mediums brought 20c each. There were no spikes or bulls in the market. Tinkers were quoted at \$7 to \$14 per barrel. Albacore brought 50c to \$1 each.

Pollock was quoted at 3 to 6c. The high price prevailed on Monday and Tuesday.

Lockeport Fishing News.

Fishing has somewhat improved since arrival of herring for bait. The boats have been making fair catches, though haddock formed the greater part thereof during the last two days. One boat at Swim's Point was paid \$33 by the N. M. & L. Fish Co., for Saturday's catch.

Small herring struck in large quantities last week. M. A. Nickerson's trap has caught about 600 bbls.; that of Messrs. Nickerson & Swim, 500 bbls. They are being salted mostly for lobster bait. Francis Lent purchased about 10 barrels and shipped them to Westport to be smoked.

A few mackerel made their appearance on Thursday, but no large catches have been made. Probably 25 barrels in all have been taken.

Sardine Plant to Resume.

Officials of the Canadian Sardine Co. whose big plant at Chamcook, N. B., has been closed down for some time, announce that they expect to resume operations within a few days. The company has started a number of hands at work making boxes, cans, etc. It is said that about 100 hands will be employed when the factory begins to handle fish again. That means the company will only attempt to operate the plant to a small proportion of its capacity.

Sch. Senator, Capt. Axel Laager, the first of the flitched halibutlers to arrive home, stocked \$11,568.35 on her trip, the crew sharing \$318.40 to a man clear.

Salt Mackerel Market.

Says the Fishing Gazette: Cooler weather has brought a good jobbing demand during the past week. Interest is shown in both Irish and Norway cure, and the market is firmer at quotations. It is said that quite a business has been done in Irish mackerel at inside figures.

Liverpool, September 6—Shipments this week were: To New York, 99 bbl.; to Boston, 947 bbls. Total shipments to date, 1911 Irish Autumn, 32,767, Irish Autumn, 33,765 bbls.; 1913 spring, 3,244 bbls.

Liverpool, September 13—Fishing very poor. Shipments this week were: To Boston, 652 bbls.; to all other ports, 980 bbls. Count of shipments 350 to 400 to a packed barrel.

Boston, September 15—Arrived per str. Bohemian, 300 bbls. Irish salt mackerel.

Our reports from Norway are to the effect that the catch is quite good the quality is good, but sizes are rather small, says Strohmeier & Arpe's market report. Very little business has been done as yet on Norway mackerel because there is a difference of opinion in regard to prices between the buyers and sellers and so far most of the catch taken has been stored in Norway waiting for better prices.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1 per cwt.
Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$2; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.35; medium, \$2.10; snappers, 75c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.15.

Cusk, large, \$1.70; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 80c; round, 70c.

Fresh shad, \$4 per bbl.

Fresh herring, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$1.50 to salt; \$1.60 to freezer.

Fresh bluebacks, \$3 per bbl., for bait; \$2 to freezer.

Bank halibut, 12c per lb. for white and 10c for gray.

Bad Weather on the Pacific Coast.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 9.—Howling gales, tremendous seas, drenching rains and thunder storms have been assailing the halibut fleet during the past few weeks and have driven them home with small catches. Real wintry weather is reported off the coast. Last night the schs. Jessie, Capt. George Heater, and Victoria, Capt. Pike, returned to Victoria and brought stories of the tempestuous weather on the west coast banks. The Victoria, which was away on her initial trip as a fisherman, had the most trying trip, owing to her engine breaking down and rendering her helpless in the great seas. The sch. Alliance No. 2, formerly the Charles Levi Woodbury, is now on her way back to port after losing a lot of gear.

PORTLAND FISH FAMINE BROKEN

Within 36 hours the fresh fish famine was broken at Portland yesterday and the dealers worked from morning until night receiving and sending fish. All told 350,000 pounds had been landed up to noon, and the receipts during the afternoon made a grand total of more than 400,000 pounds.

Two halibutlers arrived Sunday, the schooners, Thomas A. Cromwell of Boston and the Mystery of Gloucester, both with big fares. The Cromwell had 12,000 pounds of halibut in addition to 38,000 pounds of fresh fish and 10,000 pounds of salt cod, while the other hailed for 12,000 pounds of halibut, 60,000 pounds of fresh fish and 5000 pounds of salt cod. Both schooners fished on Le Have Banks, where the weather has been quite rough of late, but no damage of any kind resulted. The halibut were landed at Portland yesterday and the schooners will probably proceed to Gloucester with the balance of their fares.

Charles Lord and Robert Singer, the two Orr's Island fishermen who were reported recently, as having made over \$800 in nine days on mackerel taken from their traps at Pond Island Ledge, off Harpswell, have done still better since then. They were at Portland Saturday with 4000 fish, and again on Sunday with 16,000 more, they receiving \$960 for the fish landed Sunday, while their total stock for the past fortnight has been in the neighborhood of \$2000. The lucky fishermen were feeling pretty happy yesterday over their success, and well they might be, such rare good luck as their's seldom being encountered. The fish are reported in great quantities in the locality mentioned and the traps will be worked for all they are worth while the run is on. The mackerel are of medium size, weighing about one pound each, and it is believed that during the coming week there will be good catches made in other directions. Of the lot brought in Sunday by the two men above mentioned 6000 were put in the freezers at the Portland Cold Storage Co., while the balance were taken out at the J. W. Trefethen sheds. A few scattering lots of mackerel were also brought in Sunday by some of the draggers.

WANT MORE FOR THEIR HERRING ICE TO VESSELS AND FIRMS IS NOW \$3 TO

Ice which was advanced early in the season to \$4 a ton to vessels and the wholesale trade has taken a drop again, an announcement by the Cape Pond Ice Company, effective yesterday, making the price to vessels and firms at \$3 per ton again.

To protect the supply and retail trade against a possible famine during the rush of the season were the chief reasons for the drop.

TO FIGHT "SHORT LOBSTER TRADE"

Vigorous Campaign Decided Upon by State Fish and Game Commissioners.

A vigorous campaign against dealers in lobster meat taken from "short" lobsters was decided upon by the fish and game commission yesterday afternoon.

Complaints from various sections of the state have reached the commission that the most prevalent manner of evading the "short" lobster law, by killing those under the legal length limit and preparing lobster meat for them. Several witnesses were heard by that commission yesterday, including some Boston dealers.

"We have decided to revoke two licenses for taking lobsters," said George W. Fields, chairman of the commission, after the hearing, but as have not yet decided when I can make public the names of the holders of the licenses just now."

Dory Picked Up.

Sch. Selma, Capt. William Firth, which returned last week from a halibut trip, came across a fisherman's dory a few days before returning here belonging to sch. Maud F. Silva, Capt. Charles Colson, also engaged in halibut fishery, and due to return shortly.

Capt. Firth made inquiries upon arriving home and learned that Capt. Colson lost the dory on the previous trip. It was full of water, with a bow covered with a barnacle growth showing the effect of having been in the water for sometime.

Capt. Firth endeavored to pull the dory on board, to learn more about it, but a heavy sea smashed the dory against the vessel's side, breaking it into kindling wood.

Retirement of Captain Matheson.

The final details of the transfer of the Matheson Codfish plant at A. Cortes, were completed a few days ago, and Capt. J. A. Matheson, one of the codfish business on the North Pacific coast, retired as head and active manager of the business which he founded 25 years ago, says the Pacific Fisherman.

The business has been purchased by a large interest which has not yet disclosed but which it is supposed planning to engage in this branch of the fisheries on an important scale.

For an increase in the price of supply. That the jump in price diminished the demand by the craft is evident from the fact many have been securing their supply in Maine.

With the closing of the summer tugs and cottages and the fall there is naturally a lessening in the demand for the fish.